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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: TAMURA et al

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For: Vacuum Processing Device And Vacuum
Processing Method

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Examiner: K. Moore

AMENDMENT

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Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application, in response to the Office Action dated October 19, 2005. The amendments are listed below and set forth on the following pages.

Amendments to the Claims; and

Remarks are included following the amendments.